(SRI K. M. THAMMAIAH)

(*e*) whether the Government propose to revise the existing Medical Manual specifying the status, rank and duties of the specially qualified Post-Graduate Assistant Surgeon Grade I;

(*f*) whether the Head of the Medical Department/or District Health Officers are empowered to place an Assistant Surgeon III in equal status of Assistant Surgeon I with Post-graduate qualifications in General Hospitals?

Sri Y. RAMAKRISHNA (Minister for Health).—

(*a*) It is applicable to all the Hospitals and Dispensaries in the erstwhile Mysore State.

(*b*) The General Hospitals come under Category (1) of Para 464 " State Public (a) General Medical Institutions maintained wholly by State funds ".

(*c*) Status—Class I or II (Gazetted) according to the Status of the Hospital.

Rank—Surgeon in case of bigger hospitals and Health Officer Class II-*cum*-Assistant Surgeon in case of others.

Duties—To be in administrative charge of the Hospital.

(*d*) The status is that of an Assistant Surgeon Grade I, Ranking is according to seniority list. Duties in District Headquarters Hospital; he is assigned duties according to his speciality.

In Non-District Headquarters General Hospital, the Assistant Surgeon Grade I is the administrative Medical Officer of the institution, provided he is senior among the other Medical Officers of the Institutions.

(*e*) The question of revision of the manual is under consideration.

(*f*) The status of Asst. Surgeon Grade III and Assistant Surgeon Grade I is quite distinct. Hence placing of Assistant Surgeon Grade III in equal status of Assistant Surgeon Grade I with post-graduates qualifications in General Hospital does not arise.

Fertiliser Factory at Mangalore

180. Sri I. SOMASEKHARAPPA (Hosanagar).—

Will the Minister for Industries, Information and Publicity be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the size of the Fertilizer Factory that is going to be started at Mangalore in the light of the talk the Minister had with the British High Commissioner recently;

(*b*) the quantum of manure that is expected to be produced per year by the factory;

(*c*) when the factory is going to be commissioned?

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY (Minister for Industries, Information and Publicity).—

(*a*) Rs. 40 crores.

(*b*) Urea 3,40,000 tonnes per annum.

(*c*) During 1973–74, as per present indications.

Rejection for Referring Disputes for Adjudication

323. Sri M. S. KRISHNAN (Malleswaram).—

Will the Minister for Law, Labour and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Government rejected requests for referring disputes covering the subject of wages, Gratuity between the Management and workmen of Davangere Cotton Mills to adjudication on the ground that the said subjects were before the Wage Board for Textile Industry;

(*b*) whether in view of the decision taken by the Central Organisation of employers in the Textile Industry not to implement the decisions/recommendations of the Second Wage Board for Textile Industry, Government would review its stand as mentioned in (*a*) above;

(*c*) whether decision if any taken by the Government of India in the light of the stand taken by the employers has been communicated to the State Government; if so, the decision taken?

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY (Minister for Law, Labour and Parliamentary Affairs).—

(*a*) Yes; only regarding demand for certain amendments to the gratuity schemes in force.

(*b*) The decision of the Central Organisation of Employers in the Textile Industry regarding implementation of the Recommendations of the Second Wage Board for Textile Industry has not been communicated to the Government.

(*c*) The Government of India have accepted the majority recommendations of the Central Wage Board for Textile Industry, and all the State Governments have been requested to persuade the managements to implement these recommendations.